

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on March 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 155, 3/7/2017; SB 157, 3/7/2017

**HEARING ON SB 155****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:24 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 155, Prohibit local government regulation of agricultural seeds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:30 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a02\)](#)

00:08:54 Jillian Streit, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:12:00 Don Steinbeisser Jr., Self

00:12:52 Kori Anderson, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA) & Montana Cattle Woman (MTCA)

00:13:32 Tom Butcher, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

00:16:13 Wilson Ilgenfritz, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:16:51 Arlene Rice, Self

00:20:12 Bob Hodgskiss, Self

00:22:15 Rhonda Hergenrider, Montana Farm Bureau Federation MFBF)

00:24:24 Jacob Baum, Montana Seed Trade Association (MSTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:26:51 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:31:02 Casey Bailey, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:35:39 Kristina Hubbard, Organic Seed Alliance

00:39:27 Jim Barngrover, Timeless Seeds

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a05\)](#)

00:43:54 Ole Norgaard, Self & Montana Organic Association

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh47a07\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:48:05 Andy Gray, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:53 Rep. McKamey

00:49:13 Sen. Lang

00:49:58 Rep McKamey

00:50:22 Sen. Lang

00:52:59 Rep. Fleming

00:53:36 Sen. Lang

00:55:07 Rep. Harris

00:55:38 Jim Barngrover, Timeless Seeds

00:56:22 Rep. Harris

00:56:50 Rep. O'Hara

00:57:08 Jim Barngrover, Timeless Seeds

00:59:30 Rep. Beard  
01:00:16 Casey Bailey, MFU  
01:02:52 Rep. Olsen  
01:04:18 Sen. Lang  
01:06:16 Rep. Olsen  
01:06:50 Sen. Lang  
01:08:43 Rep. Ricci  
01:09:01 Sen. Lang  
01:09:32 Rep. Ricci  
01:10:25 Bob Hodgskiss, Self  
01:11:30 Rep. Webb  
01:11:53 Adam Haight, NPRC  
01:12:18 Rep. Webb  
01:12:28 Adam Haight, NPRC  
01:12:57 Rep. Sales  
01:13:29 Sen. Lang  
01:14:04 Rep. Sales  
01:14:42 Casey Bailey, MFU  
01:16:18 Rep. Olsen  
01:18:46 Gary, DOL  
01:19:07 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)  
01:19:43 Rep. Olsen  
01:20:17 Chair Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:44 Sen. Lang

**HEARING ON SB 157****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:25:03 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 157, Extend milk regulations to hoofed mammals.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:27:54 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:21 Rep. Sales  
01:29:56 Sen. Cohenour  
01:30:25 Rep. Harris  
01:31:01 Chelcie Cargill, MFBF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:03 Sen. Cohenour

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:32:47

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh47aad.pdf](#))